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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2007, Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. Patent application hereby elect Species 3, corresponding to Fig. 12, with claims 1-3 and 16-18 being readable thereon.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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